

REMARKS

The Examiner requests that Applicant select one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

Group I - Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of controlling birefringence in a rib waveguide structure, classified in class 438, subclass 31.

Group II - Claims 6-10, drawn to an optical device including an array waveguide grating and an array of rib waveguide structures, classified in class 385, subclass 132.

Group III - Claims 11-12, drawn to an integrated optical device, classified in class 385, subclass 14.

In response to the Restriction Requirement Applicant has elected Group II (Claims 6-10) in the above-identified application for examination.

The election is made without traverse. However, Applicant reserves all rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application to the non-elected groups of claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

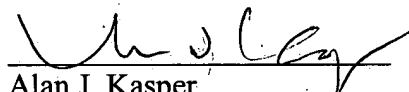
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